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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

The within Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed October 6, 2006, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

l.	If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2.	If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3.	If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
1.	✓ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.

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